Secretaries of Tribal Welfare to ensure timely submission of proposals for release of funds and to speed up implementation of schemes.

(iv) At the State-level, the agencies like Tribal Advisory Committee, Project Implementation Committee of ITDPS at Block-levels, and Panchayat Samities monitor timely spending of money and effective implementation of schemes.

**Tribal status to Gaddies and Gujjars in H.P.**

†110. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether he is aware of the fact that 'Gaddies' and 'Gujjars' were given the status of scheduled tribe in Himachal Pradesh prior to 1966, but after the reconstitution of the State in 1966 anomaly has been created by not giving the status of scheduled tribe to 'Gaddies' and 'Gujjars' of the areas included in Himachal Pradesh;

(b)whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh Government has forwarded all required information to his Ministry; and

(c)if so, the action being taken to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) 'Gaddi' and 'Gujjar' communities have been notified as scheduled tribes in relation to the areas which formed Himachal Pradesh prior to November, 1966 and in relation to areas merged in Himachal Pradesh on account of re- organization of Punjab in the year 1966, these communities are treated as Other Backward Class (OBC). The Government of Himachal Pradesh has recommended that these communities may be declared as Scheduled Tribes throughout the State. The proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh has been processed in accordance with modalities approved for deciding such claims.

**P.M.'s concern regarding corruption in DDA**

111. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Prime Minister has expressed serious concern over rampant corruption, lack of accountability and absence of redressal mechanism in DDA;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.